(a) whether it is a fact that development plan in respect of capacity building, infrastructure development, augmentation of staff strength in Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi (Jharkhand) is pending with Government; and

(b) if so, by when Government would implement them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The redevelopment of Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Rachni over a period of four years at a cost of Rs.100.00 crore comprising of Manpower Development, Capital Work/Infrastructure Development and Equipments has been approved in August 2008.

Post of Chief Physiotherapist with DGHS

2841. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether post of Chief Physiotherapist at Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has not been created despite the fact that the Fifth Central Pay Commission had recommended for the same;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the said post is likely to be created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) to (c) Posts are created at Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) based on functional requirements. Since no proposal has been received from Hospital Authorities, the post of Chief Physiotherapist has not been created.

Anaemic women

2842. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of Indian women are anaemic;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to formulate an action plan to check this; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-III) (2005-06), percentage of women aged 15-49 years with any anaemia in India is 55.3%.

The Government of India is implementing the Reproductive and Child Health Programme Phase-II under the National Rural Health Mission. Prophylaxis and treatment of nutritional anaemia among pregnant and lactating women is an important intervention under this programme. Pregnant women are screened for anaemia during the Ante Natal checkups. All pregnant and lactating women are provided iron and folic acid tablets during their ante-natal visits through the existing network of sub-centers and primary health centers. Every pregnant woman is given 100 tablets of 100 mg of elemental iron and 0.5 mg of folic acid for at least 100 days for prevention of anaemia. Pregnant women who are found to be clinically anaemic are given an additional 100 tablets.